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SUBJ: MILITARY PROMOTIONS DRAW FIRE FROM NON-DARODS

1. GENERALLY RELIABLE FSL SOURCE TELLS US THAT, OF SIX ARMY OFFICERS RECENTLY PROMOTED TO FLAG RANK, ALL BUT TWO ARE DAROD, AND ONE OF THOSE TWO IS HALF-DAROD. THE NEW BRIGADIERS ARE: (NAME, TRIBE, SUBTRIBE)

A. OMAR HAJI MOHAMED, DAROD, MAREHAN;

B. ADAN ABDULLE, DAROD, OGADEN;

C. BILE RAFLE SULTAN, DAROD, OGADEN;

D. OSMAN SALEH, DAROD, MAJERTEN;

E. YUSUF AHMED SALEH, DAROD-TUMAL, MAJERTEN; AND

F. MOHAMED NUR GALAL, HAWIYA, HABAR GIDIR.

2. MOST SIGNIFICANT OF SIX PROMOTIONS CONSIDERED TO BE THAT OF OMAR HAJI MOHAMED WHO IS BROTHER OF ABDULKADIR HAJI MOHAMED, CHIEF OF SRC POLITICAL OFFICE. OMAR, FORMER ARMOR COMMANDER, NOW RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL GROUND FORCES. LOCAL OBSERVERS BELIEVE HE BEING GROOMED TAKE OVER FROM MOHAMED ALI SAMANTER AS ARMED FORCES COMMANDANT. SAMANTAR WOULD, HOWEVER, RETAIN VICE PRESIDENCY, DEFENSE AND SECURITY COMMITTEE POSTS.

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3. POSITIONS OTHER PROMOTEEES AS FOLLOWS:

BILE RAFLE SULTAN, CHAIRMAN, NORTHWEST REGION; YUSUF AHMED SALEH, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, NORTHWEST REGION AND COMMANDER, HARGEISA GARRISON; ADEN ABDULLE, COMMXXNDANT, HALANE TRAINING CENTER; OSMAN SALEH, COMMANDER OF LOGISTICS OPERATIONS AT KURTAN WARI RESETTLEMENT SITE; AND MOHAMED NUR GALAL, PRESENT POSITION UNKNOWN BUT, BEFORE ASSIGNMENT TO MOGADISCIO, WAS SECOND-IN-COMMAND, NORTHWEST REGION. WE ARE SEEKING ADDITIONAL DATA ON NEW GENERALS, BUT IN MEANTIME WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO THESE PERSONALITIES HELD BY WASHINGTON AGENCIES.

4. FSL SOURCE GOES ON TO REPORT ANGRY MUTTERINGS BEING HEARD FROM ARMY MEN AND CIVILIANS ALIKE OVER WHAT IS VIEWED AS SIAD EFFORT TO STACK HIERACHY WITH OWN TRIBESMEN. ACQUAINTANCE OF SOURCE, AN S.N.A. MAJOR, SAYS POLITICAL PARTY TO BE ESTABLISHED SOON AND PROMOTIONS PART OF LARGER SCHEME TO ENABLE DARODS PRE-EMPT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND QTE TO STAY IN POWER FOR THE NEXT 50 YEARS UNQTE.  
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